

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A reclosable transportation apparatus comprising:

a container portion; and

a carrying member comprised of a thermoformed material connected to said container portion.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said carrying member is ~~removable~~ removably connected to said container portion.
3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said carrying member is removably connected to opposing ends of said container portion.
4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said carrying member has a tab at at least one end.
5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 4 wherein said carrying member defines at least one slot proximate said tab and adapted to receive said tab in a removable manner.
6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said container portion defines at least one slit therein adapted to receive said carrying member in a removable manner.
7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 comprising at least one replaceable cap adapted to removable engage at least one end of said container portion.
8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7 wherein said container portion comprises a housing having opposing first and second ends, said replaceable cap engaging at least one of said first and second ends and having a tight friction fit therewith.
9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said container portion comprises a generally tubular housing having inner and outer surfaces, said inner surface defining a chamber therein.

10. (Currently Amended) A reclosable transportation container for transporting plants, comprising:

a generally tubular housing having an opposing first and second ends, said housing defining at least first and second slits extending radially through said housing proximate said first and second ends;

at least one replaceable cap adapted to having a tight friction fit with at least one of said first and second ends; and

a handle ~~removable~~ removably connected to said housing and threaded through said first and second slits proximate said first and second ends.

11. (Original) The container of Claim 10 wherein said housing defines a first opening in said first end and a second opening in said second end.

12. (Original) The container of Claim 10, wherein said replaceable cap has an inner surface defining a groove adapted to receive a lip of at least one of said first and second ends.

13. (Original) The container of Claim 10 wherein said housing has an inner surface defining a chamber adapted to receive the plants.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The container of Claim 44 10, wherein said handle removable engages said slits.

16. (Currently Amended) A reclosable transportation container for transporting plants, comprising:

a generally tubular housing having opposing first and second ends and an inner surface defining a chamber, said housing defining two slits extending radially through said housing proximate said first and second ends;

a first and second replaceable cap, said first cap adapted to having a tight friction fit with said first end and said second cap adapted to having a tight friction fit with said second end; and

a handle removable engaging said slits at said first and second ends.

17. (Original) The container of Claim 16 wherein said handle comprises an elongated member having first and second handle ends.

18. (Original) The container of Claim 17 wherein said handle has a tab defined at each of said first and second handle ends.

19. (Original) The container of Claim 18 wherein said handle defines a slot proximate each said tab and adapted to receive said tab in a removable manner.

20. (Original) The container of Claim 18 wherein said handle defines at least one indent proximate each said tab.

21. (New) The container of Claim 1 wherein said container portion and said carrying member are comprised of a same thermoformed material.

22. (New) The container of Claim 1 wherein said container portion and said carrying member are comprised of a different thermoformed material.